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UPGRADE TO MOORAGE FACILITIES AT GIBSONS BRINGS NEW ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES



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ON MAY 29, THE GIBSONS Landing Harbour Authority, along with partner organizations including the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Small Craft Harbours Division (DFO-SCH), Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET), and Sunshine Coast Community Futures celebrated the grand opening of an upgraded and expanded moorage facility.

At a cost of \$1.3 million, it's hoped that the upgraded facility will encourage economic growth in the region's marine sector.

"It will bolster commercial fishing, tourism and transportation in the area, includ-

ing the movement of goods and people to Gambier, Paisley and Keats Island," said MP John Weston of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country, who was unable to attend the ceremony in person.

"The new float is multi-purpose, multi-use and open to everyone. We expect commercial use will be, primarily, a winter thing," said Emanuel Machado, the CAO for the Town of Gibsons.

In a press release, the GLHA has said that the expansion isn't complete and will eventually incorporate additional floats, floating breakwaters and reconfiguration of the total harbour space for maximum efficiency.